

WCFC First Kicks Program 2020.



First Kicks and Fun Football programmes are run by Waitakere City FC as part of New Zealand Football's Whole of Football Framework (<https://www.nzfootball.co.nz/get-involved/Whole-of-Football>), and are aligned to the wider NZ Football player development framework, and the aim is to provide an experience that meets the needs of all young players and builds the foundation of future participation in the sport. This document provides the details that you may need for the upcoming season.

Grades

Alignment of the children to their relevant grade is determined by their year of birth and details are listed in the below table.

Club Sector	Year of Birth	Grade
Fun Football	2012	8 th Grade
	2013	7 th Grade
First Kicks	2014	6 th Grade
	2015	5 th Grade
	2016	4 th Grade

Registration & Fees

All children taking part in First Kicks and Fun Football have to be registered with the club at the start of the season, details and instructions for

the registration process can be found on the club website: <http://www.waitakerecityfc.org.nz/REGISTRATIONS-1/2020-Member-Registrations>.

Registration Fees are \$160 per child and will be invoiced by the club following successful registration.

Training & Match Days

First Kicks and Fun Football train on Wednesdays (4.30pm) and play matches on Saturdays (8am). The Fun Football teams (7th and 8th grade) will be playing matches against Norwest, Albany and Greenhithe, and this will involve travel to away matches. The 6th grade teams will have three game days against these clubs in preparation for the step up to 7th grade next season. 4th and 5th grade teams do not play against other clubs and therefore there is no travel during the season. The match day schedule against the other clubs will be published closer to the start of the season.

Training Calendar

All grades train every Wednesday until the end of the season, but don't train on the Wednesday of the first week of the school holidays.

Date	Details
Wednesday 25 th March	First pre-season training session - 4.30 pm
Wednesday 1 st April	Second pre-season training session - 4.30 pm
Wednesday 15 th April	No training session - School holidays
Wednesday 8 th July	No training session - School holidays
Wednesday 26 th August	Last training session - 4.30 pm

Match Day Calendar & Timings

We play football matches every Saturday, but don't play on the middle Saturday of the school holidays. Whilst the games on a Saturday start at 8am, we ask players (especially grades 7 and 8 who are playing other clubs) to be at the field at 7.45, this allows teams to get organised ahead of kick off for the first match.

Date	Details
Saturday 4 th April	First Saturday game day - 8am
Saturday 18 th April	No game day - School holidays
Sunday 17 th May	Albany Football Tournament (6 th to 8 th Grades)
Saturday 11 th July	No game day - School holidays
Saturday 29 th August	Last Saturday game day - 8am
Saturday 5 th September	First Kicks Prize Giving & Fun Day - Provisional date



Playing Kit

Our club playing strip is black shorts and black socks, and you will need to buy those for your child along with football boots and shin pads. Kit can be purchased from the Waitakere City FC Lotto Shop which can be accessed from the club website. The club will supply the playing shirt for match days, but these remain with the club after the match.

Cancellations

If either training or match day is cancelled (normally due to bad weather), notification will be posted in the Waitakere City FC First Kicks & Fun Football Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206470213287371>. The club always aim to notify cancellations as early as possible, and on Saturdays the decision is normally made at 7am and posted shortly afterwards. If your child is unable to attend a match day, it is appreciated if you can let the coach or manager know beforehand so they can prepare in terms of numbers.

Harbour-West Football Festival

Albany United FC will be running their football festival tournament again this season, and it is scheduled for Sunday May 17th. The club will attend, and take 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams, and it is unlikely we will play on the Saturday before the tournament. Please add this date to your calendar if you are interested in your child attending this fun tournament.

Managers, Coaches & Helpers

The Waitakere City FC First Kicks & Fun Football scheme is organised and run by volunteers, nearly everyone involved does so because we have children playing football in these grades. We cannot operate without the involvement of as many parents and family members as possible.

This season we need people to volunteer for coaching and to run teams, and this isn't a massive undertaking and you don't need to have any football experience. We will send out details before the start of the season regarding which grades need assistance, but please let the club know if you are able to help with either training, match days or both, and which grade you would be working with.

Everyone that wants to get involved with coaching in the First Kicks and Fun Football grades will be encouraged to attend the Introduction to Junior Coaching course run by NFF. The course aims to provide beginner coaches with advice about how to meet the needs of junior players and what to focus on to deliver fun and safe age appropriate football session. More details are available on the NFF Coaching website: <http://www.nff.org.nz/COACH-1/Junior-Coaching-Pathway>.

If you don't want to manage or coach a team, we ask the parents/caregivers to help set up and take down the equipment before and after training and match days. Many hands make light work!

Fundraising & Social Events

Last season the club ran several fundraising events for First Kicks & Fun Football, and this included a few raffles and a highly successful disco night, and we plan to run similar events this season. Again, any money raised by us will go directly back to our kids, so let us know if you can help organising events or have any great ideas for other events.

First Kicks is also happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities, so if you know of a community minded company or individual that would like to help fund our kids, please contact us to discuss.

Communication

Please ensure you supply the correct email address and phone number when completing the registration process, and these will be used for some communication, but most news will be posted in the Waitakere City FC First Kicks & Fun Football Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206470213287371>

Contact Information

Details are below for the main First Kicks & Fun Football contacts, and Richard is responsible for the administration function this season, and Michel will be responsible for day to day running of the training and match days, so if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact either of us.

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